

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0044] Referring to FIG. [[11]] 9, an outer tub assembly according to a sixth embodiment includes a front portion 40e and a rear portion 60e. Here, a thickness  $T'$  of the front portion 40e is greater than a thickness  $t'$  of the rear portion 60e. This embodiment may be considered as corresponding to the first embodiment.